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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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TOMOKO TERAOKADO ET AL. )  
 ) Anticipated  
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CONTROL METHOD, ) Ph.: 415-433-4150  
ELECTRIC APPARATUS, )  
CONTROL METHOD OF AN )  
ELECTRIC APPARATUS, )  
ELECTRIC APPARATUS )  
SYSTEM, CONTROL )  
METHOD OF AN ELECTRIC )  
APPARATUS SYSTEM, AND )  
TRANSMISSION MEDIUM )

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Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-32 without prejudice and add the following new claims:

33. (New) A control device which controls, by transmitting a control signal, an electric apparatus that receives information transmitted via a transmission medium, comprising:

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